SYMPHONIC WINDS CONCERT UNIFORM INFORMATION

Lakota East Symphonic Winds Members will be measured and fitted for their Concert Uniforms about 6-8 weeks prior to the first scheduled concert date. Gentlemen will sign up during class to reserve a specific time slot on one evening to try on their uniforms. Every effort should be made to attend Concert Uniform Fitting Night. Ladies will be measured in class, and then dresses will be ordered (no evening fitting required).

The Concert Uniform Fitting Night schedule will be posted on the Announcement page and included on the Calendar found on the Home page of the Lakota East Bands website early in the school year.

For any questions or conflicts about Concert Uniform Fitting Night, please send a message to the Lakota East Upbeat Club Uniform Chairperson.

Symphonic Winds Uniform Requirements

Refer to Lakota East Bands website for the Band Handbook found on the **Ensemble Tab**: Concert Bands Page.

Symphonic Winds LADIES

Uniform Items for Ladies Ordered by Lakota East Bands

A letter with details about payment, hemming the dress and how to wear the uniform will be sent home once the order has been placed. This letter will include an estimated delivery date. The cost of the dress and pearls together is typically \$69 (dress \$59, pearls \$10).

Dresses arrive unhemmed and need to be hemmed in time for the Fall Concert. Every effort is made to order the dresses for arrival at least a week or two before the concert, but please plan accordingly to be ready to have the dress hemmed. If not able to hem on your own, consult the <u>LEUC Uniform Chairperson</u> for suggestions of places to select.

It is certainly acceptable to use pearls and/or a dress worn by a former Symphonic Winds Member as long as the hem length is suitable. If you do NOT need a dress ordered, please contact the <u>LEUC Uniform Chairperson</u> no later than the first week of the school year. Review Announcements for specific deadline. Dress and pearl orders are typically placed in late August and the company does not offer returns for surplus orders.

Long Black Dress

- > Cost: \$59.00
- Ladies new to Symphonic Winds will be measured and their dresses will be ordered for them.
- > Dresses will need to be hemmed!
- > *Former Symphonic Winds ladies should try on their dress to be certain the fit is still suitable*

Pearl Necklace

- > Cost: \$10.00
- > Orders will be placed for ladies new to Symphonic Winds

Uniform Items Provided by Band Member (Ladies)

- Hosiery
 - > Optional
 - > If choosing to wear hosiery, select skin colored hosiery
- Dress Shoes
 - ➤ Black, **closed-toe**, low-heeled dress shoes

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Symphonic Winds GENTLEMEN

Uniform Items for Gentlemen Provided by Lakota East Bands

- Black Pants
- Black Jacket
- Black Cummerbund
- Black Bow Tie

Uniform Items Provided by Band Member (Gentlemen)

- Tuxedo Shirt
 - > White with a Pleated Front and a Wing-Tip Collar
 - > Please make sure the collar is the standup wing-tip collar, *not* a regular fold down/spread collar.
 - > **If you already have one please try it on and make sure it still fits. **
 - > See information below for Where to Purchase a Tuxedo Shirt
- Socks
 - ➤ Black, crew-length or longer socks *only*
 - > Socks worn for the Marching Band Uniform are suitable to wear for the Concert Uniform
- Dress Shoes
 - ➤ Black dress shoes
 - ➤ Marching Band Shoes are suitable to wear for the Concert Uniform

Gentlemen: What to Wear for Fitting Night

Gentlemen will try on tux pants and jackets. Arrive to your reserved fitting time wearing pants or shorts that are easy to change in and out of. Also wear the following:

- *T-Shirt* with Sleeves
 - > {Do **not** wear a sleeveless or tank-style shirt please}
- *Soc*ks
 - > Shoes need to be removed to try on the pants; wear socks to protect your feet during the fitting

Volunteers Needed for Uniform Fitting Nights

If you are able to volunteer your time to assist with Uniform Fitting, please contact the <u>Uniform Chairperson</u>.

To volunteer for Concert Uniform Turn-In Night at the end of the school year, please watch the Announcements on the Home page of this website or contact the <u>Uniform Chairperson</u>.

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Where to Purchase a Tuxedo Shirt

Do Not Delay!
Needed before the Fall Concert!

Most neighboring schools' bands will be shopping for tuxedo shirts, so consider purchasing your tuxedo shirt EARLY as they will be in great demand in September!!

Some Tuxedo Shirts include a black bow tie, which cannot be excluded from purchase, but the black bow ties provided by Lakota East Bands should be worn with the Concert Uniform.

Select a simple Tuxedo Shirt with buttoned sleeves, machine washable, and low cost.

Please be certain to purchase a Tuxedo Shirt that meets the Concert Uniform criteria:

• White with a Pleated Front and a Wing-Tip Collar (not a regular fold down/spread collar)

Hobby Lobby Arts and Crafts Stores

Hobby Lobby typically offers a weekly 40% off one item coupon found at the top of their website's home page that may be used for online purchases or in the store. Coupon is valid Monday-Saturday with specific expiration date. Store closed on Sunday.



Sizes: X-small up to 2X-large

Cost: $$22.99 + \tan$, but when using the 40% off one item coupon the cost of the shirt is $$13.79 + \tan$.

Tuxedo Shirts are available in their stores. New stock arrives each week, so if they are out of your size please let them know so they can order more. Consider phoning the store to see if the size needed is available.

The shirts may also be ordered online. Click on the link in title above or enter www.hobbylobby.com. Enter Tuxedo Shirt in the Search Bar. Click on Get Coupon to apply toward your purchase. S & H is ~\$7.00

Formal Fashions Inc.

This is the company Lakota East Bands uses to order the uniform tuxedos.

Formal Fashion Inc. offers many more sizes than Hobby Lobby.

Click on the link in title above or enter www.formalfashionsinc.com
Go to In Stock Items. Select Order Style 2181 (unisex white wing-tip tuxedo shirt). Cost: \$15

S & H: ~ \$15 so consider combining order with others to split cost

<u>Tuxedo Stores, Department Stores, Online Searches</u>

Cost, S & H, and Sizes vary

i.e.: Men's Wearhouse, JC Penney, Amazon



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